

Washburn Parent Council Meeting Notes

January 25, 2017 6:30pm

In attendance: Missy Line, Diana Curtis, Erica Lebens-Englund, Charles Spolyar, Jenn Buss, Heidi Knaus, Kristine Northrop, Tristen Lindemann, Deanna Diebold, Lisa Thiegs, Julie Madge.

Parent Council Mission statement:

1. Build positive and welcoming relationship between parents & school community
2. Support school initiatives & goals:
 - a. Communication (spread the word among families)
 - b. Financial support (fundraisers)
 - c. Service support (volunteers)
 - d. Educational resources (bring in guest speakers on important topics of interest to parents)

Item	Owner	Time
Welcome & Introductions (meeting protocol and introduce yourself)	Diana Curtis & Missy Line	6:30-6:35
Administration Report / Parent Liaison Report	Michelle Terpening/ Erica Lebens-Englund	6:35-6:45
Discuss schedule change for SY 2017-2018		6:45-7:30
Committee Updates – <i>see notes for updates and calendar</i> Upcoming Volunteer Needs: Plant sale & Senior party volunteers Barnes & Noble co-chairs Plant Sale co-chair		
Adjournment		7:30

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting topic – Schedule changes for SY 2017-2018

Rhonda Dean talked about the staggered start times and 6 period day for next school year. Periods 1 to 6 are the standard day and there will be a 0 period and a 7th period. Start times would be 7:30am, 8:30am, or 9:30am. Students will request their periods to determine the interest level of the 0 and 7th periods. This is a suggestion for next year but will need to be addressed when the budgets come out.

Egyptian Dinner is scheduled for Saturday January 28th from 6-8pm. Tickets are \$15 per person with a max of 100 people.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 23, 2017 at 6:30-7:30pm.

Washburn Event Volunteer Opportunities

Event	Chair / Coordinator	Event Date
Egyptian Dinner	Abir Ismail	Saturday, Jan 28, 2017
Winter Dance		Saturday Feb 4, 2017
Teacher Appreciation - Spring	Erica Lebens-Englund	Friday, Feb 17, 2017
Battle of the Bands	Beth Gyllstrom	Sunday, Apr 23, 2017
Plant Sale	Alison Caputo & Chris Rigert	Saturday, May 13, 2017
Senior Party	Helene Gauthier & Tina Ham-Peterson	Wednesday Jun 7, 2017

School Event Greeters/Helpers		
Prospective Student Tours		Friday Feb 3, 2017 (last tour)
Spring Conference Greeters		Friday, Feb 17, 2017
8 th Grade Registration Night		Thursday April 27, 2017

Committee Updates Jan 25, 2017 Meeting –

Family Engagement Challenge: Don't forget to keep track of your hours!!!

Teacher Appreciation Lunch: Next Appreciation Lunch is coming up on Friday, February 17th.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair for the Media Center: Co-chaired by Tristen Lindemann & Karen Reisch since 2010. **Update per Tristen:** Our best year ever! There is a summary on the website. Karen Reisch & I have been co-chairs for the past 7 years, but our babies are graduating, so we need someone to take over. It really is a fun one to work on especially if you love books. We can help transition the new person/people.. Contact Tristen (taolindemann@comcast.net) or Karen (crosbysam@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping.

Battle of the Bands: Charles Spoylar, Wendy Williams and Beth Gyllstrom are representing Washburn and there is a nice set of volunteers from Ramsey. The event is scheduled for Sunday April 23, 2017. **Update per Beth:** The Battle of the Bands committee will meet for the first (and likely only) time on Tuesday, Jan. 31st, 8:00 p.m. at George and the Dragon. After that, we will handle our work via email. If you could let anyone else at the meeting know about it--we're happy to have additional folks on board. Please just have them email me if they'd like to attend (I'm making a reservation) or if they can't attend, but would like to help out. Beth (bethgyllstrom@yahoo.com).

Plant Sale: Co-chaired by Alison Caputo & Chris Rigert.

Update from Alison: We are planning on Sat May 13th and having the plants delivered Friday morning 5/12. Wagner's has decided that is the latest they can deliver to us as they need to prepare for their Mother's Day business and load their trucks. So what we will have to do is have the truck deliver it to the back parking lot and unload the plants inside the fenced area. We will need to get Deb Lilly's help (or Erica's perhaps) to lock off that chain link door so that no one can park in there that morning. Then on Saturday morning, we will move all the plants (by vehicles) to the front lawn for the sale.

We met once, Julie, Chris & myself last week to start planning things. Wagner's as really honed down their assortment this year so we won't have as much variety as last year but... it may simplify things and make for easier ordering and less excess. Chris is requesting images of the new plants so we can upload those to the website. I put out an email to the people who signed up on the volunteer list at the beginning of the year that would like to help with the plant sale. I sent out 2 emails and got 3 people that have agreed to help out. We will have them join our next meeting in Feb. This is Chris Rigert's last year so we need to fill her spot as a co-chair and then also need people who can help with I.T. issues and then people who can help with marketing ideas. Those are people we need to help us prior to the sale and then we'll need help with unloading the plants on Friday morning 5/12 and then the day of the sale. I have a list of volunteers from last year that I will reach out to as well. Marketing is a weakness and would love to get some assistance with this reach out to Alison (alisoncaputo@gmail.com) or Chris (chris.rigert@gmail.com) if you are interested.

We will work in Feb to get the website up and ready. Chris Prew has helped us with the website for the past 3 yrs. He is the father of a sophomore at WB, Rhaedyn Prew. We plan to launch the website early March.

That's it for now! Julie Madge, who is part of our team, will be coming to the meeting as a representative of our team and can get your feedback or answer questions as neither Chris nor I can make it.

Senior Party: **Update from Helene:** Need to get Sign Up Genius set up. We could use the same template but just change the hours people would sign up -we discussed having two shifts instead of three short shifts.

The Chaska Community Center has been reserved for the night of the school graduation. Talent is also booked. Buses will leave from the high school at 10pm that night.

Poinsetta Sale: Chaired by Terry Nelson.

Online Family Directory: Online directory is up and running. We currently have families for 241 students set up. Sign up at <http://join.myschoolanywhere.com> and use the code **WashburnMpls**. Spread the word so more families sign up! Emails are sent out about our various events to the people who are signed up.

Miller Mart: No update

Landscape: Update from Beth Forsline: We are on hiatus now from the grounds work; will resume maintenance this spring with a Spring Clean Up Day (TBD) and summer-fall schedule.

We are VERY appreciative of the monetary support we received from the Washburn Parent Council to purchase many varieties of perennials for the school! We're hoping to see the front door/staircase areas and the 49th St. door/parking lot strip areas in FULL BLOOM this spring & summer!

Heard many positive comments and thanks from students and staff. Hope the beautifying of the school grounds creates a welcoming and positive learning environment!

Washburn Cares Team: Chaired by Erica Lebens-Englund. This program has been launched in issue #7 of the Miller Newsletter. Donated items needed the most right now: belts, socks, winter hats & gloves, coats, sweatpants, granola bars & small cracker packs. Also, if you have interest in joining the Washburn Cares Team, we are looking for new members who can help us solicit donations in the community in the areas of food, clothes, school supplies, toiletries, and gift cards. Contact Erica (erica.lebens@mpls.k12.mn.us) with interest!

Outreach Educational Nights: Discussion Topic item

Fun Fest: This event did not have a chair to keep it going. If anyone is interested in creating a similar event, please reach out to Missy, Diana or Erica to talk about your idea.